(ङ) यदि हां, तो मार्च, 1990 के अंत में देश में सूती-धागे और कपड़े के उत्पादन की स्थापित क्षमता कितनी थी, वर्ष 1989–90 के दौरान सूती धागे और कपड़े के उत्पादन के लिए इस क्षमता का कितना प्रतिशत उपयोग किया गया और सरकार द्वारा सूती धागे और कपड़े के उत्पादन के लिए इस क्षमता के पूर्ण उपयोग को प्रोत्साहित करने के स्थान पर कपास के निर्यात पर अधिक बल देने के क्या कारण हैं?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) वर्ष 1990–91 के कपास मौसम (सितम्बर, 1990 अगस्त, 1991 के दौरान कपास के निर्यात 561.05 करोड़ रु० मूल्य के हुए थे । वर्ष 1990–91 के दौरान सूती यार्न और सिले-सिलाए परिधानों के निर्यात क्रमश: 511.40 करोड़ रु० तथा 4640.60 करोड़ रुद्ध मंध्य के हुए मैं । अप्रैल-सितम्बर, 1991 की अवधि के दौरान सुती यान और सिले-सिलाए परिधानों के निर्यात क्रमश: 466.40 करोड़ रु० और 2479.90 करोड़ रु० मूल्य के हुए हैं ।

(ग) जी हां ।

(घ) जी हां ।

(ङ) 31 मार्च, 1990 की स्थिति के अनुसार संगठित मिल क्षेत्र में तकुओं और करघों की स्थापित क्षमता क्रमश : 26.59 मिलियन तथा 181,000 थी । वर्ष 1989–90 के दौरान तकुओं का अनुमानित क्षमता उपयोग क्रमश: 73 प्रतिशत और 63 प्रतिशत था । यह कहना सही नहीं है कि सरकार कपास के निर्यात को महत्व दे रही है । सरकार का प्रयास है कि मूल्यवर्धित उत्पादों के निर्यात को बढ़ावा दिया जाए । कपास के निर्यात के लिए कोटों को रिलीज़ करने के उद्देश्य घरेलू बाज़ार में कीमतों का स्थिरीकरण, कपास उपजकर्त्ताओं को लाभप्रद कीमतें प्रदान करना तथा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाज़ार में एक स्थाई सप्लाई-कर्त्ता के रूप में भारत की उपस्थित को बनाए रखना है

Resurfacing of National Highway No. 17 between Goa and Bombay

*252. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that national highway No. 17 between Goa and Bombay is in a poor state of repair; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider resurfacing it; if so. by when the work will start and by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The section of National Highway No. 17 starting from near about Bombay upto Goa is being kept generally in traffic worthy condition, athough damages do occur sporadicaly at places during the monsoon.

(b) Development and maintenance of National Highways is continuous activity and works of improvement including resurfacing are being taken up every year, depending upon the availability of funds and over-all priorities.

Potential of sericulture in Madhya Pradesh

*253. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Madhya Pradesh has all the requisite optential of sericulture growth in the State which can aug ment the silk production in a big way;

(b) if so, whether Government has conducjted any survey in the State for the purpose;

(c) if so, what are the details and results thereof; and

(d) if not, what action. Government propose to take to tap sericulture potentials and promote silk produc- I tion in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Central Silk Board had conducted a survey in Madhya Pradesh to identify potential districts to implement the World Bank and Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project. Based (on the survey the District Bastar of the State had been chosen as the project area on a pilot basis.

The National Sericulture Project is presently under implementation in Bastar Distt, of the State since 1989-90. The project envisages bringing an area of 2000 acres under mul- berry cultivation for production of 60 tonnes of raw silk by the end of 5 years project period. The project also envisages creation of necessary basic sericulture infrastructure in the state at a total cost of Rs. 348.57 lakhs.

Besides, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Govt, for development of sericulture in the state, the Central Silk Board has set up a number of R and D, Extension, Training and Basic Seed Production units in the State.

Global Tenders for setting up Duty free Shops at International Airports

*254. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI-.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 305 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th November, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that duty free shops being run by ITDC are On lease till 1993;

(b) whether the performance of the ITDC run shops has been good and are they also making profits;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for going in for global tenders for setting up duty free shops at International Airports; and

(d) whether the ITDC have been invited to participate in the aforesaid, tenders and are they being given the same terms as ther tenderers to further increase their profitability?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MAD-HAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The ITDC run Duty Free Shops have earned profits.

(c) Global tenders have been invited by the IAAl for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the revenues of the IAAl.

(d) The tenders were global and it was open to ITDC to participate in the same. As per tender advertise-I ment, all the parties were to submit their bids on identical terms and conditions.

Export/Import of Silk

*255. SHRI SURESH KALMADI-Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of the export of the Indian silk during the current year upto 31st October, 1991 and how does it compare with the export for the corresponding period last year;

(b) whether Government propose to import raw silk so as to check the